

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
OF THE STATE OF MISSOURI**

In the Matter of an Investigation into	)	
City Utilities of Springfield Plastic Pipe	)	
Failures and the Adequacy of its Leak	)	<b><u>Case No. GS-2004-0257</u></b>
Survey Procedures, Installation	)	
Procedures and Replacement Criteria	)	

**STAFF'S STATUS REPORT REGARDING  
CITY UTILITIES OF SPRINGFIELD'S  
PLASTIC PIPE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

**COMES NOW** the Staff of the Missouri Public Service Commission and files its report regarding its ongoing investigation into plastic pipe leaks caused by rock impingement and City Utilities of Springfield's ("City Utilities") plastic pipe replacement program, and in support states as follows:

1. On May 18, 2010, Staff and City Utilities filed a *Joint Recommendation Concerning Pipeline Replacement Schedule* ("Joint Recommendation"). The Joint Recommendation listed the parameters that Staff and City Utilities agreed to follow for year 2010 and beyond. On May 28, 2010, the Commission issued an *Order Adopting Joint Recommendation and Ordering Compliance with Pipeline Replacement Schedule*.

2. In 2016, City Utilities proposed to change its reporting period from a calendar year basis to an October through September annual reporting basis corresponding with City Utilities' fiscal year to allow for more efficient scheduling of replacement projects. The Commission granted this change in the reporting period on May 31, 2016.

3. On February 3, 2022, the Commission ordered Staff to file a Status Report no later than March 31, 2022. Attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference

is Staff's Status Report, which provides a summary of City Utilities' progress from October 1, 2016 through September 2021.

4. Staff has been and will continue to monitor the effectiveness of City Utilities' plastic main and service line replacement program and leak surveys. If at any time Staff determines that the program requirements should be enhanced, it will immediately bring its concerns and recommendations to the Commission.

**WHEREFORE**, Staff requests the Commission accept Staff's Status Report attached hereto.

Respectfully submitted,

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### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing have been mailed, hand-delivered, or transmitted by facsimile or electronic mail to counsel of record this 31st day of March, 2022.

**/s/ Jamie S. Myers**